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SUBJECT: MTN:SECTORS GROUP MEETING JULY 1-4

1. U.S. DELEGATION TO SECTORS GROUP FOLLOWING POSITION
ESTABLISHED ON TSC 75-9, SHOULD PROPOSE THAT GATT
SECRETARIAT INITIATE STUDIES OF ELECTRONICS, CHEMICALS,
AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY SECTORS TO ASSIST GROUP IN
ASSESSING SECTOR APPROACH. DELEGATION SHOULD REEMPHASIZE
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THAT ANY STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GATT SECRETARIAT SHOULD

NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A COMMITMENT TO SECTOR NEGOTIATIONS
IN THESE OR ANY OTHER PRODUCT AREAS.

2. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR
OUR POSITION OF INCLUDING ELECTRONICS, CHEMICALS AND
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY IN STUDIES. THIS COULD ENTAIL
SUPPORTING OTHER DELEGATIONS REQUEST TO EXPAND THE GATT
SECRETARIAT STUDIES TO INCLUDE SECTOR AREAS THEY HAVE IN-
DICATED AS IMPORTANT. U.S. REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD SEEK
REASONABLE LIMITS ON PROLIFERATION OF SECTOR STUDIES.

3. WE SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT THAT THE GATT STUDY ON
METALLIC ORES AND METALS AS WELL AS FUTURE STUDIES BE
EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE FORMAT OF
SECTOR STUDIES PROVIDED IN ANNEX 1 OF TSC 75-9.
SPECIFICALLY MORE DATA IS REQUIRED ON CURRENT CONSUMPTION
AND OUTPUT IN SIGNIFICANT SECTOR COUNTRIES, AND ON FORE-
CASTS OF SECTORAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN MAJOR PRODUCING
COUNTRIES. THE STUDIES SHOULD PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE
PROFILE OF THE SECTOR WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATING
OPTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, EFFORTS TO INCLUDE
THE ADDITIONAL THREE SECTORS SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER
EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE ORES AND METALS SECTOR STUDY IF IT
SHOULD BE A QUESTION OF TOO HEAVY A LOAD ON THE
SECRETARIAT. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE U.S. SHOULD SUGGEST
THAT AFTER COUNTRIES HAVE FULLY REVIEWED PRELIMINARY GATT
SECRETARIAT STUDY ON ORES AND METALS THAT THEY COMMUNICATE
IN WRITING TO GATT SECRETARIAT HOW STUDY COULD BE IM-
PROVED AND STRENGTHENED.

4. WE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THE GATT SECRETARIAT INFORM
THE SECTORS GROUP OF ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS EN-
COUNTERED IN GATHERING DATA FOR THE METALS SECTOR STUDY.
THE U.S. SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT AMONG PARTICIPATING DELE-
GATIONS TO PROMPTLY PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TRADE PRO-
DUCTION AND CONSUMPTION REQUESTED BY THE GATT SECRETARIAT.

5. IF CANADA OR ANY OTHER DELEGATION SHOULD SUGGEST
THAT THE FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METALS OR OTHER SECTORS
BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT TNC MEETING (JULY 15-16) AS
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APPROPRIATE FOR A SECTOR NEGOTIATION, THE U.S. DELEGATION
SHOULD INDICATE THAT SUCH A STEP WOULD BE PREMATURE.
THE U.S. IS UNPREPARED TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION AT LEAST
UNTIL THE PRIVATE SECTOR LIAISON GROUPS ESTABLISHED
UNDER SECTION 135 OF THE TRADE ACT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR
INITIAL CONSULTATIVE WORK TASK, AND NEGOTIATIONS IN THE
TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURE GROUPS IN THE MTN HAVE MADE
FURTHER PROGRESS. INGERSOLL

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